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V6 Summary: Status and Schedule

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Discussion Topics

- **A word about AMSU-A Channel 5 and L2 Products**
- **V6 Product Development Status**
- **Detailed Review of Level 2**
- **Other PGEs for V6**
- **Plans for Completing V6**
 - Closure of issues, PGE and product release
 - Schedule

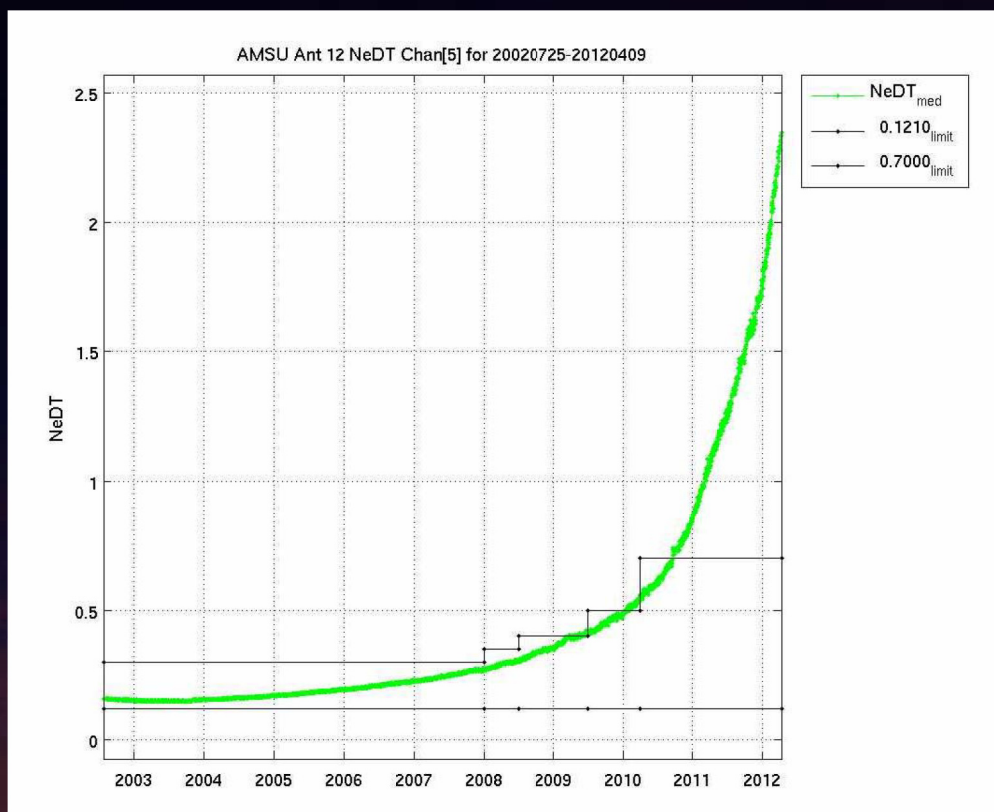


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AMSU-A Channel 5 NE Δ T

- AMSU-A Channel 5 began to fail sometime during 2008
- Quality of Channel 5 began to rapidly fail in 2010 and NE Δ T exceeded 1.0°K in early 2011



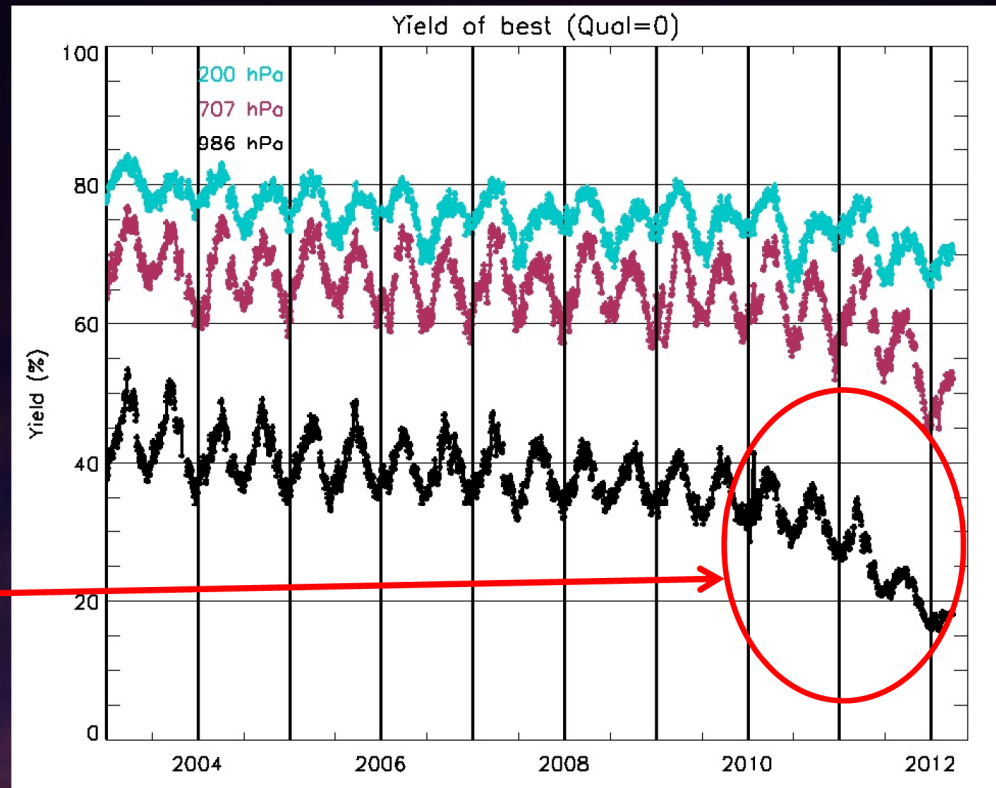


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Version 5 is Past It's Prime!

- Continuing degradation of AMSU-A Channel 5 has resulted in a significant drop-off Level 2 retrieval yields
- Fall-off is greatest near the surface

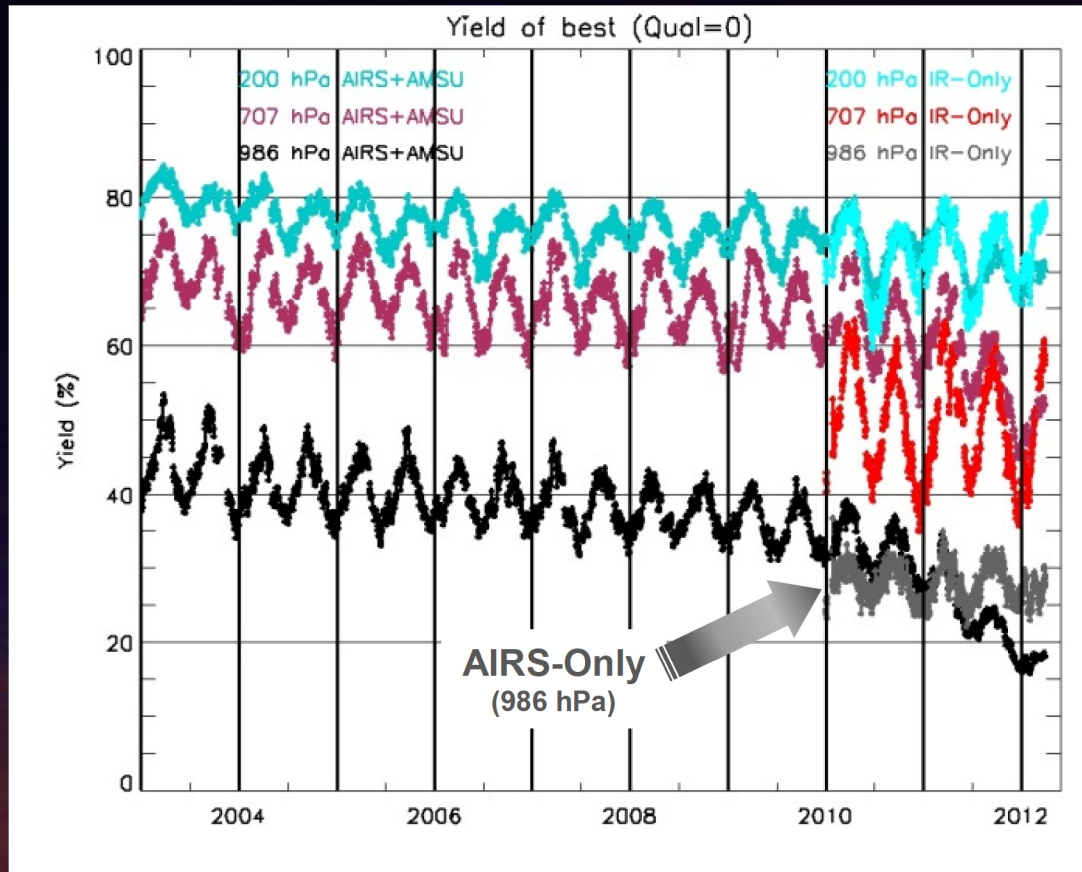




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Version 5 is Past It's Prime!



- Higher yields with AIRS-Only retrievals!
- However, AIRS-Only QC not rigorously engineered for V5
- We need of V6 now!



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AIRS Software Development Activities - Development Status

- **Version 6 development began on 2007-07-11 w/ V5.1.0.0**
 - More than 66 builds, 6 since last Science Team
 - Several test cycles, last one just before this ST Meeting
 - Current V6 development version is V6.0.3.0
(V6 test version has been V6.0.2.0)



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V6 Product Development Status

- **Current Status**

- L1B* - no changes planned
- L2 - nearly complete (release soon)
- L3 - under development (release beta with L2)
- Calibration Subset - deferring development until L2 done
- Climate Subset - deferring development until L2 done
- CO2 - under development

* Gain table uploaded to AIRS Instrument on January 21. Will necessitate delivery of new L1B Channel Properties to GES DISC and reprocessing of L1B since then.

- **Given schedule and resource limitations, V6 deliveries to the GES DISC will be staged.**

- L2 to be released mid-2012
- L3 and other products released late-2012
- CO2 - probable late 2012 update



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Level 2 Development Status

- **Changes Since November 2011 Science Team:**
 - Improved QC throughout L2 product set
 - Added L3 Research Product
 - Added new “level quantities”
 - CO first-guess retrieval update
 - Cirrus retrieval update
 - Update to SDT Toolkit (V5.2.18) and work-around to bug with processing ephemeris data



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Level 2 Development Status

- **Work still remains, but the list of known issues is growing shorter:**
 - Final Re-leveling updates (layer quantities to levels quantities)
 - Smaller technical issues w/ respect to L2 products
 - Methane - a fringe issue
 - Convection parameters
 - Final QC and re-leveling, plus unforeseen problems
 - Testing
 - We must complete checkout of all final code insertions
 - Documentation
 - L2 User Guide
 - L2 Test Report (largely incorporated in guide)
 - File Specification Document



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The Final Statement of V6 L2

- **Final Delivery Considerations:**
 - For L2, we are now in the V6 wrap-up phase!
 - There is no more time to try *new* things
 - Not all desired features may make it into V6

putting V6 L2 to bed

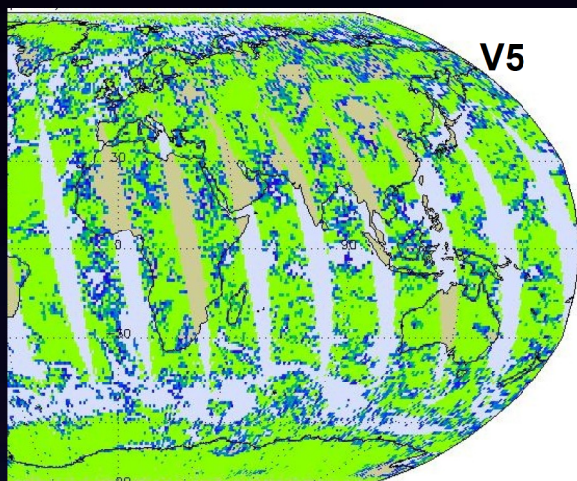




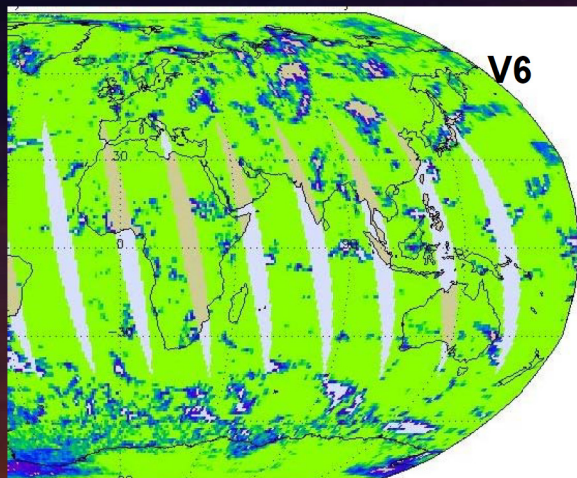
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Significant V6 Improvements... *when compared to V5*



Near-surface yield improvements



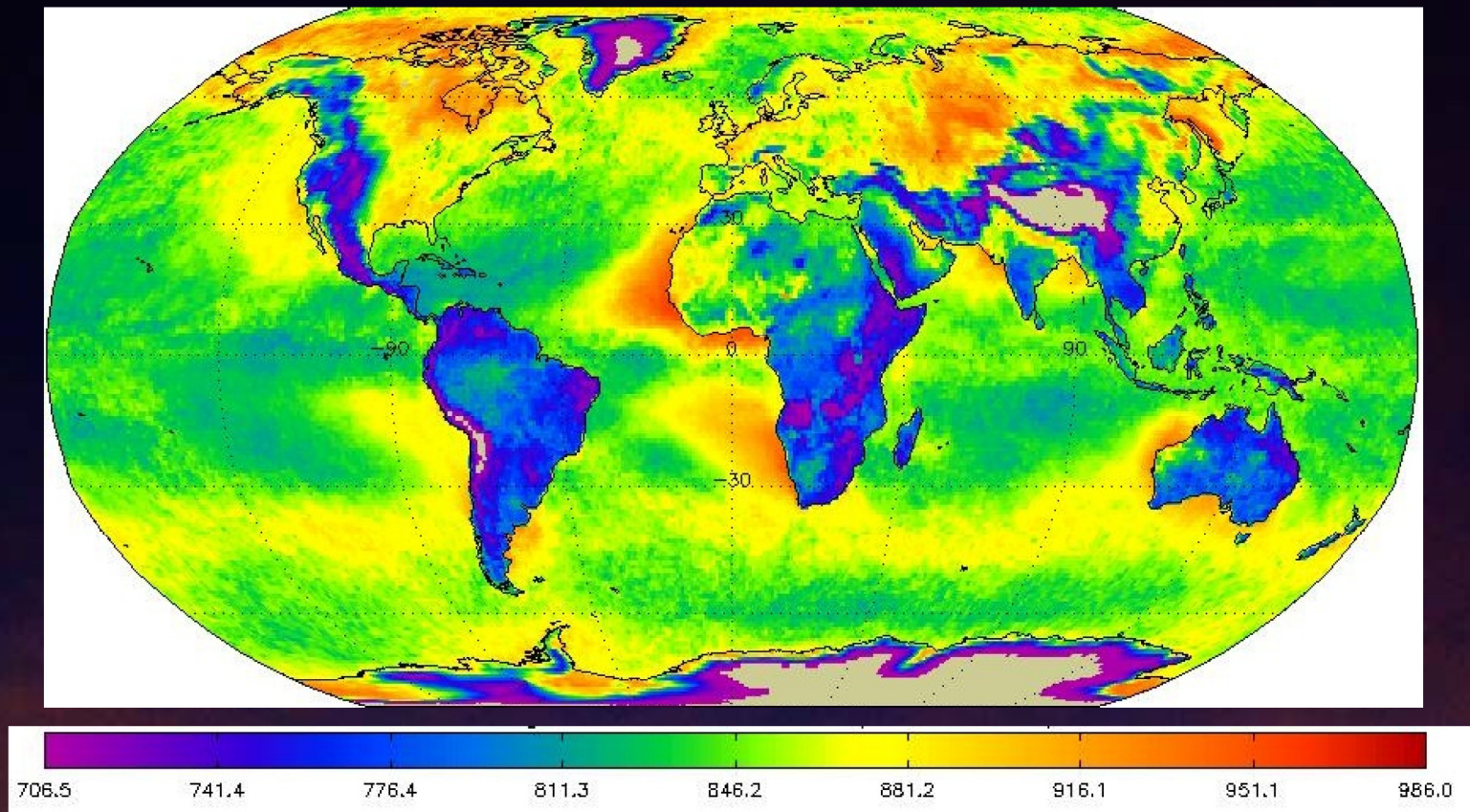
- Level 2
 - Improved yields near surface
 - Reduced trends over time in many products
 - Modified retrieval not to use AMSU-04 and AMSU-05, and to gracefully handle future AMSU channel degradation issues
 - Improved AIRS-Only retrievals
 - Improved yield for both climate studies and numerical weather forecasts
- AIRS Level 3
 - Added new L3 quantities
 - Added TqJoint Grids to L3 STD product
 - Restructured L3 and added Research Product
- Level 1B (code unchanged)
 - Channel Properties update must be delivered (table update only)



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AIRS Software Development Activities - Level 3 Development Status



New Level 3 Support field: Boundary Layer Top Pressure (Daytime Image)



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Level 2 Testing Extensive Test Evaluation Set Provided

- **Focus Days - 12 focus days requested by various team members**
 - AIRS+AMSU & IR-only
- **Radiosonde Matchups for entire mission**
 - Dedicated and PREPQC
 - AIRS+AMSU & IR-only
- **Trend test set:**
 - Nadir “1/3 swath,” every day of Jan & Jul, every year of the mission
 - AIRS+AMSU
- **Repeated Seasons:**
 - Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct for 2003, 2007, 2011
 - AIRS + AMSU
 - AIRS-Only
 - (currently in process)
- **Special campaigns:**
 - Global AIRS+AMSU May 8-15, 2004 for Juying Warner
 - Jan 2008/2010, Feb 2008/2010 30-90 South latitude for Brian Kahn
 - North America for various days for Van Dang/Bjorn Lambrigtsen

We have two new processors, and we make full-use of them. Our processing power now enables us to run a month of standard L2 data (w/o cirrus) in about 2 to 2.5 days!



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What about the rest of V6?



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V6 Level 1C Status


- **No significant changes in direction since last Science Team**
- **Level 1C possible release for V6**
 - Level 1C products will not be produced at the GES DISC
 - We will publish algorithm for L1C calculations
 - May need to address additional issues... probably in V7
 - radiometric discrepancy between detectors
 - maybe Cij
 - Hand-off to NOAA to support creation of new BUFR product?



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V6 Calibration Subset V6 Climate Subset

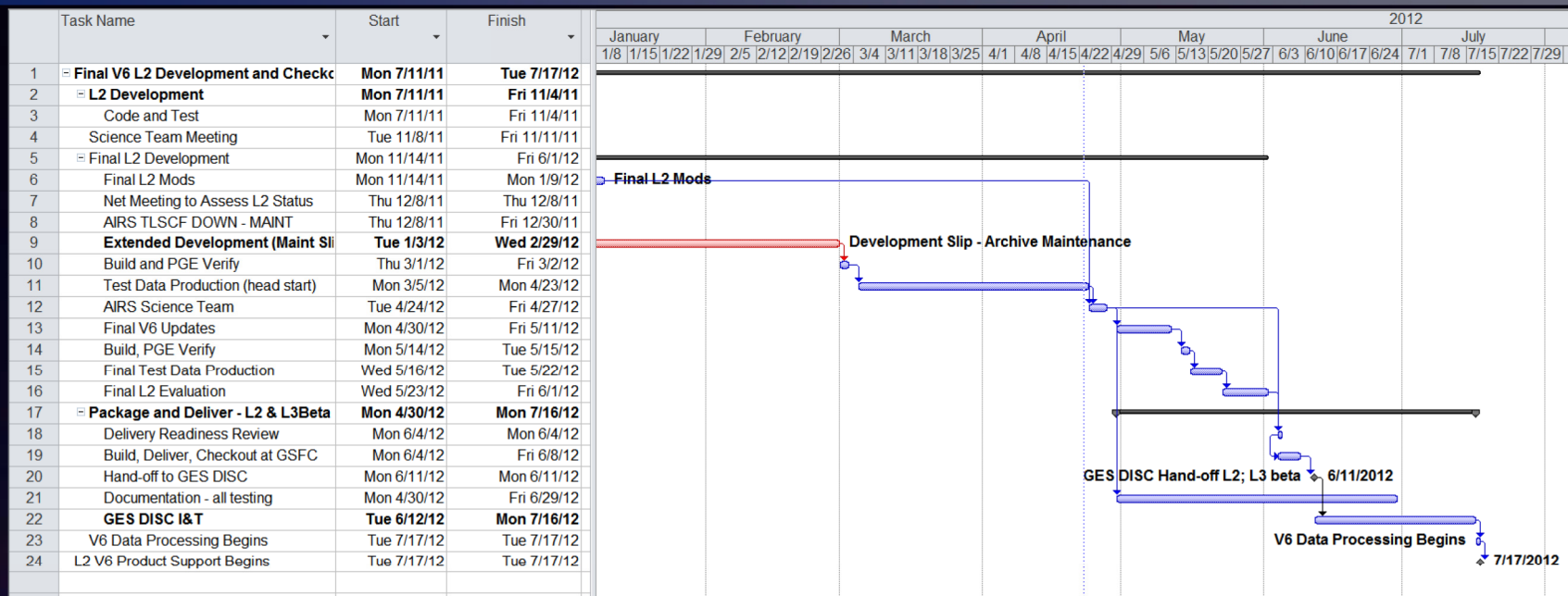
- **V6 Calibration Subset**
 - Will be very similar to V5
 - Basic algorithm unchanged, but rules have been tweaked
- **V6 Climate Subset**
 -  NEW product based on Calibration Subset product
 - Is derived from L1B and L2 products
- Both “subset” products are still under development
- *development deferred until after release of L2*
- AIRS Calibration Subset and Climate Subset may be modified
to be compatible with corresponding Sounder PEATE
products for IASI and CrIS



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V6 Schedule - Level 2



- End Development 5/11/12
- End Test 6/1/12
- Deliver to GES DISC 6/4/12
- Hand-off to GES DISC 6/11/12
- GES DISC I&T 7/17/12
- Public Release 7/17/12

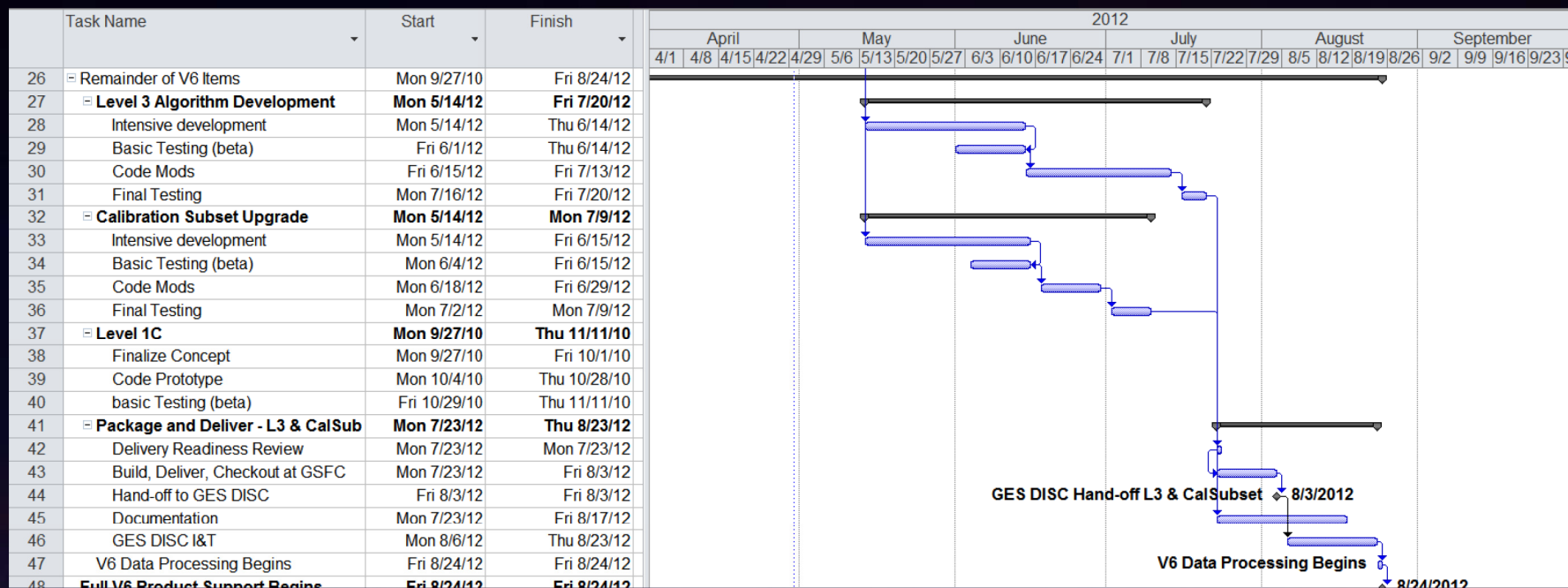
AIRS TLSCF was down for data archive maintenance 12/7/11 to 2/29/12, far longer than anticipated, resulting in delayed completion of V6 L2 and pre-delivery testing.



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V6 Schedule - the “rest of the story”



- **End Development** 6/15/12
- **End Test** 7/20/12
- **Deliver** 7/23/12
- **Hand-off to GES DISC** 8/3/12
- **GES DISC I&T** 8/23/12
- **Public Release** 8/24/12

